

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 764 - SB 719

February 24, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes antiquated statute enacted by the federal Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act of 1935. Renames the Tennessee State Soil Conservation Committee as the Tennessee Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Makes various changes to the election process for Commission members. Adds one ex-officio member to the Commission. Revises the duties and powers of the Commission and the election process for soil conservation district supervisors. Requires such districts to place greater emphasis on soil erosion and its impact on water quality. Removes authority of districts to issue land use regulations. Deletes language referring to soil conservation associations.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- This legislation, by and large, updates antiquated statute and modernizes the policies governing the newly entitled Tennessee Soil and Water Conservation Commission.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Agriculture (DOA), there is no record that any soil conservation district has ever adopted any land use regulations, as referenced in the legislation.
- Based on information provided by the DOA, there is no know impact to state or local government for removing language referring to soil conservation associations.
- Adding one ex-officio member to the Commission could result in an increase in state expenditures.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Agriculture, any increase in state expenditures to cover travel expenses shall be minimal, as much of the Commission's work will continue to be done virtually.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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